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SUBJ: BANANAS: UPEB CHARTER SIGNED

1. CHARTER PROVIDING ORGANIZZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB) WAS SIGNED HERE LAST NIGHT (SEPTEMBER 17) BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PANAMA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA AND COLOMBIA. MEETING IS CONTINUING TODAY TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF UNIFORM EXPORT TAX. UNOFFICIAL WORD AS OF MIDAFTERNOON WAS THAT NO AGREEMENT ON TAX REACHED YET.

2. PANAMANIAN COMMERCE MINISTER MANFREDO TOLD SESSION YESTERDAY THAT JOINT ACTION WAS REQUIRED ESPECIALLY CONCERNING TWO CRITICAL
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SITUATIONS:

A) FACT THAT PRICE OF BANANAS IN US MARKET HAS NOT INCREASED IN PAST 20 YEARS AND 2) FAILURE OF TRANSNATIONAL FIRMS TO INCREASE BANANA CONSUMPTION IN TRADITIONAL MARKETS OR FIND NEW MARKETS. MANFREDO CALLED FOR COMMON FRONT TO DEAL WITH ISSUES OF SUPPLY, MARKETING, AND PRICES.

3. ONLY PANAMA, COSTA RICA, AND HONDURAS ARE REPRESENTED AT MEETING BY CABINET MINISTERS. LOWER LEVEL OF GUATEMALAN AND COLOMBIAN REPRESENTATION CONSIDERED LOCALLY AS INDICATION OF MUTED ENTHUSIASM OF THESE COUNTRIES FOR PROJECT.
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